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FRANCE HOLDING ON VALIENTLY

Resists Germany's Move for Surveillance Over the "State Bank."

HER CONTENTION IS FALSE

So Says France of Germany's Claim That Former Represents Minority Views.

(By Associated Press.)

ALGERIAS, March 1.—The result of the last forty-eight hours' negotiations is another check threatening to prolong the Moroccan conference.

The Germans, after reflections, wish the diplomatic corps at Tangier to exercise surveillance over the State Bank, thus preventing its use for further French political designs. The French resist this, claiming that Germany is chiefly occupied with minimizing French influence in Morocco.

The delegates now talk of the struggle being prolonged to the latter part of March. A division of British cruisers is due at Gibraltar today, and "no" divisions of battleships will arrive there tomorrow. This formidable assemblage embraces thirty warships and 25,000 men.

France Sure of Support.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 1.—It is learned from an indisputable source that France feels assured of the support on the question of policing Morocco of a majority of the delegates to the conference, and her present plan is to force a vote in the conference in order to demonstrate the falsity of Germany's contention that France represents only the minority views.

BANK AND TRUST CO. FAILS TO OPEN ITS DOORS

(By Associated Press.)

FORT SMITH, ARK., March 1.—The Southern Bank and Trust Company, a recent corporation with an authorized capital of \$500,000, failed to open its doors today. A notice was posted to the effect that the bank's interests had been sold to Thomas Neal, an attorney of Fort Smith, who, it was stated, would pay all depositors in full.

The deposits amount to \$50,000. The assets, consisting of notes, loans, discounts and office fixtures, amount to about a like sum.

THIRD DIVISION OF ATLANTIC COAST LINE

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., March 1.—The Atlantic Coast Line has established a new division, to be known as the third division, with headquarters here.

H. A. Ford, who has been superintendent at Gainesville, has been made division superintendent. The new division embraces all 425 miles of the Atlantic Coast Line in Florida.

CONDEMN ACTION OF DELEGATE C. T. BLAND

Action of the Portsmouth Council Creates a Sensation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., March 1.—There was a special joint meeting of the City Council of Portsmouth to-night to condemn the action of Delegate Charles T. Bland. Captain J. W. Happer explained that Mr. Bland refused to present the city charter recently adopted by the city council, to the Legislature at Richmond even in the form of a petition. Mr. Bland declared that he was opposed to the provisions of the charter which denied the people the right to choose their officers.

City Councilor Hall made a speech condemning the action of Delegate Bland, and then resolutions were passed denouncing the action as denying the people of Portsmouth the right to petition and as an unwarranted assumption on the part of Delegate Bland. There were no incoherent speeches, but the members of the council stated their indignation plainly.

The resolutions will be sent to the speakers of both houses of the General Assembly in the form of a petition, asking that the charter be placed before the Legislature for action.

The action of the city council caused sensation in the city.

SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Headaches, Biliousness, and all the troubles arising from a sluggish liver. They regulate the bowels. Purely Vegetable.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.

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REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

PEOPLE MUST BE VACCINATED NOW

Board of Health So Decides, and Committee on Health Approves Action.

The Committee on Health held a lengthy and important meeting last night.

Dr. Oppenheimer, President of the Board of Health, reports that 11 cases of small-pox in the hospital, only 5 of whom are whites, and they are all in one family. Six of the fifteen negroes affected are from Henrico county.

The president said that prevalence of small-pox in the city is confined to the bottom near Seventeenth Street, and that the Board of Health had decided to issue a peremptory edict for general vaccination going from house to house to enforce the edict.

City Attorney Pollard, who had been sent for, explained the law and expressed the opinion that under the present ordinances and under the State laws the Board of Health under the council has ample power to enforce vaccination.

Dr. Hoge, a member of the Board of Health, addressed the committee on the importance of vaccination and advised that if it be done it be done thoroughly, and such persons as may refuse to be vaccinated be reported to the Police Court.

After lengthy discussion the following resolution, offered by Mr. Ferguson, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Health be instructed to provide all of the physicians to the poor with vaccine virus, and that the said physicians be urged to vaccinate all persons, particularly school children when applied to, and that upon every 2nd they make inquiry shall be made as to whether all persons in the house at which the call may be made have been successfully vaccinated, and if not, it shall be their duty to vaccinate, and shall report to the Board of Health all such cases of vaccination.

Other matters of minor importance were discussed.

The report of the Superintendent of the Street Cleaning brigade was also received. The usual batch of bills was audited and ordered paid.

A motion of Mr. Grimes was adopted, which, beginning at once, relieves the president of the Board of Health of the control of the crematory, and places that institution under the immediate charge of the Superintendent of Street Cleaning, subject to the supervision of this committee.

On motion of Mr. Umlauf, a sub-committee on crematory was created, and the chair named Messrs. Ferguson, Cottrell and Umlauf as members of the same.

PURE FOOD LAWS AND ENFORCEMENT

This the Subject Discussed by the Special Health Investigation Committee.

The special Committee on Health Investigation held a long session last night. The members present were Dr. Williams, Chairman, and Messrs. Morton, Blair and Lynch. Drs. Oppenheimer, Hoge and Garvin, of the Board of Health, were also present.

As a sort of preliminary skirmish there was a little spat between the members of the Health Board and the committee concerning the propriety of open committee meetings.

Drs. Oppenheimer and Hoge thought the reports of the committee should not have been handled by the reporters until the final report should be submitted to the Council and then come in as a part of council proceedings.

Dr. Williams explained that the meetings of the committee had not been made "executive" and were therefore open to the public, reporters for newspapers included, and that on the occasion of the meeting of which complaint was made next to Dr. Hoge and no complaint was made by the doctor at the time, although he knew there was a reporter by his side taking notes and very liable to print them.

The line of investigation last night was as to food and the enforcement of the pure food laws and their enforcement. As heretofore the members of the Health Board were on the witness stand and they were questioned at great length as to the laws bearing upon the subject and how they were carried out.

The committee was in session until midnight.

GREAT TRACTION MERGER HAS ECOME EFFECTIVE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 1.—Formal announcement was made to-night that the great traction merger, by which the surface lines of the Metropolitan system and the Interborough Company are consolidated, has become operative and the merger effective. Sufficient stock of the different companies concerned has been deposited under the plan with the Morton Trust Company to insure its success. As a result, the Interborough-Metropolitan Company, the new holding company, will control all the surface lines in Manhattan and the Bronx, the Subways, the Elevated Company, the BMT, August Belmont, Thomas F. Ryan and Walter G. Ockman are prominently interested in the merger.

THREE VIRGINIANS GIVEN CERTIFICATES TO RIDE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 1.—At a meeting of the stewards of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association held to-day, certificates to ride as gentlemen riders for 1906 were granted to Charles M. Harris, John K. Kerr and Lee Evans, all of Warrenton, Va.

NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Citizens in General Interested in Fate of Pulliam

Bill.

BAD NEGRO HURLS POOL BALL

Committee Meetings Last Night. Items of Interest in and Out of City.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, 1 No. 1111 Hull Street.

Delegate W. C. Pulliam's bill, providing for the retaining of the Corporation Court in the city in the event of the consolidation of Manchester and Richmond, was not heard before the Committee for Courts of Justice of the General Assembly yesterday, as had been expected, action being deferred until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

There are many who will oppose the bill and its fate with the Legislature hangs in the balance. Delegate Pulliam is very much in favor of the measure and will appear before the committee to advocate it. He will have the backing of many Manchesterians.

Sentiment in the city is somewhat divided over the measure. A few anti-annexationists are making great capital out of the opposition to the bill and are using this sentiment to the best advantage to influence them against the plan for the consolidation of the two cities. Others who favor annexation say that while they would like to see the Corporation Court retained in Manchester, they are nevertheless of the opinion that the bill should be kept here without giving to other wards in Richmond a like privilege.

Threw Pool Balls.

James Harris, a negro, is wanted by the police of the city upon the charge of being disorderly and attempting to kill Mr. C. H. Myers, proprietor of the saloon at the corner of Seventh and Hull Streets, last night.

The negro, with a companion, was in the colored bar of the saloon and became very noisy. When Mr. Myers went to him and insisted upon his leaving the place, the negro walked to the pool table and taking up a ball hurled it with terrific force at Mr. Myers' head. Had his aim been true Mr. Myers would have, without doubt, been killed. The negro made his escape and the police were notified to be on the lookout for him.

No Smallpox Here.

Dr. M. P. Rucker, president of the city Board of Health, made his annual report to the Health Committee. The report shows that there were fewer deaths in Manchester during the past twelve months than in any like period in several years. The general health of the city is in excellent condition, according to the report of the physician.

Those present at the meeting were Messrs. A. R. Hooker, J. E. Taylor and J. W. Moore.

With smallpox in Richmond, in Chesterfield county and in Persimmon, the members of the Health Committee of Manchester are congratulating themselves that there is not a case of the dread disease in the city.

This is very likely the result of the compulsory vaccination order that was put into effect last year by the persistent efforts of Alderman John W. Moore. Two negroes are now confined in a house on the Petersburg Turnpike with smallpox, but in the city proper there is not a case.

The Street Committee.

The Street Committee met last night immediately after the adjournment of the Health Committee. The members present were Messrs. R. L. Patram, John W. Moore, W. D. Ferguson, A. R. Hooker and B. M. Robertson. The ordinance relating to the erection of frame buildings along Hull Street or within 125 feet on either side was amended so that the city engineer could have authority over the structures that are now on the main thoroughfare of the city.

The bills for the month were ordered paid, and other routine business transacted.

Alderman Hooker moved that the city engineer be instructed to cinder the southwest side of Eighth Street, from Porter to Perry Streets, and the motion was adopted.

The committee adjourned to meet on the 12th of the month, when the members will consider the question of the appropriation to be allowed in the budget that is now being prepared.

Routine business only was transacted by the Almshouse Committee at its meeting last night. The members present were J. T. Abbott, B. W. Robertson, A. R. Hooker, W. D. Ferguson and Superintendent William Allen, of Maury Cemetery.

Taken in As a Partner.

Mr. Frank Anderson, the popular clerk in the drug store of Mr. E. W. Wells, on Hull Street, near Seventh Street, has been taken in as a partner of Mr. Weisger, and hereafter the business will be conducted under the firm name of Anderson & Weisger.

Mr. Anderson has been in Manchester for several years, and is well known in the business and social world. He has been with Mr. Weisger for more than six years.

Peyton Charters in City.

Mr. Peyton Charters, the Manchester baseball pitcher, in the city at this time, visiting relatives and friends. He has been to Washington and Philadelphia for the past month or more with friends.

Mr. Charters will leave next week for Augusta, Ga., where he has signed to play next season. Augusta is in the South-Atlantic League, and there are some good players in all of the clubs. Charters is a Richmonder, who has done great work in the box with the famous spit ball. He was the only pitcher seen here last season who could throw the ball with any degree of accuracy.

Musical Entertainment.

On Tuesday evening, March 13th, there will be an entertainment given in the lecture room of Bahbridge Street Baptist Church.

It is the second annual tour of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music, and will consist of a splendid male quartette with Miss Flora Hull, leader. An excellent program has been arranged and a most enjoyable evening is promised to those who attend.

Admission will be 15 cents.

Persons and Briefs.

Rev. Boyd E. Hudson, former pastor of Asbury Methodist Church, but now of West Point, is visiting friends in Manchester.

Rev. J. B. Cooke, pastor of Clifton Street Baptist Church, has returned from Danville, where he conducted a very successful revival.

Members of the Olympia Social Club are requested to be in the club rooms next Saturday night. Business of importance is to be transacted.

The case of Wirt Henry Jones, the

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negro arrested on the warrant charging him with abducting Mille Easley, was continued in police court yesterday morning. Some of the witnesses appeared and several rules were issued.

Mr. W. G. Watkins, of Falling Creek, was in Manchester yesterday on business.

Stationmaster Walter Smith, who has been on a vacation for about three months, resumed his duties with the Fire Department yesterday morning.

Mrs. E. Adkins Brown, of Swansboro left yesterday for an extended North-east trip.

Augustine Royall and Company have sold to Mr. John J. Monroe, the lot and dwelling at Eleventh and Perry Streets, for \$2,100. The same firm also sold to Miss Margaret Curley a house and lot on Decatur Street, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, for \$750.

The Ladies Sewing Circle, of Bahbridge Street Baptist Church, has arranged for a "colored" party in the church on the evening of the 15th.

Miss Ethel McKeith, of No. 800 Everett Street, will leave to-day for Hallshoro to visit her sister, Mrs. O. J. Markham.

Mr. E. T. Cole, a builder in Swansboro, having plans for the erection of a building adjoining his present establishment, to be used as a wood mill plant.

C. & O. EARNINGS.

Statement Shows Increase for January and for Six Months.

A comparative statement of the earnings of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for the month of January is given here:

1905	\$2,255,816.10
1906	\$2,652,569.79
Increase	\$396,753.69
1905	\$1,342,162.50
1906	\$1,551,398.17
Increase	\$209,235.67
1905	\$1,784,831.31
1906	\$2,078,007.53
Increase	\$293,176.22
1905	\$400,191.03
1906	\$454,225.45
Increase	\$54,034.42
1905	\$1,784,831.31
1906	\$2,078,007.53
Increase	\$293,176.22

From July to date: Gross earnings, 1905, \$14,089,371.71; 1906, \$12,110,564.16; increase, \$1,978,807.55. Expenses, 1905, \$8,490,935.35; 1906, \$7,544,225.45; increase, \$946,709.90. Net earnings, 1905, \$5,598,436.36; 1906, \$4,566,338.71; increase, \$1,032,097.65.

Afford a Jolly Time.

At the unique entertainment to be given by the Southern Trio and Mart King, the great story teller at the Central Y. M. C. A. Hall Saturday night, under the auspices of the Women's Committee, the following attractive programme will be rendered:

(a) "Who Built de Ark?"; (b) "Chicken Feathers"; (c) "Engine 42"; Southern Trio, Irish Stories and Character Sketches, Mart King, Songs (a) "Chicken Feathers"; (b) "The Road to Me"; Southern Trio, Negro Dialect Songs, Captain Jenkinson's Recruiting Office, Mart King, Soprano Solo, "My Dreams," Miss Kelley, Duet, "Love and Spring," Miss Estelle Turner and Miss Kelley, Irish Stories, A Story of the Telephone and a Tale called "Awake," Songs (a) "Canebrake Shout"; (b) "Dat Watermelon"; (c) "Suwanee River"; Southern Trio.

Thanks to Retiring Officers.

Judge Witt has addressed the following letter each to Messrs. W. T. Hancock, F. C. Ebel and Samuel Cohen, late members of the electoral board:

Dear Sir:

Your resignation as a member of the electoral board of the city of Richmond has been received and the same was accepted.

In accepting your retirement, I beg leave to express to you my full appreciation of the fidelity and zeal with which you have discharged the duties of this most important office.

I am, Yours respectfully,

S. B. WITT.

Rev. T. L. Wilson Named.

The appointment of the Rev. T. L. Wilson, of Halifax, to the position on the board of trustees of the State Female Normal School at Farmville, made vacant by the rejection of the nomination of R. Hunter Beazley, of South Boston, was announced in the Senate yesterday in an official communication from Governor Swanson.

Mr. Wilson is a Presbyterian minister, who has had considerable experience in school affairs.

As a Bottomless Basket.

The Council Committee on Grounds and Buildings was scheduled for a meeting at 8 o'clock last night, and the four members who showed up waited patiently for the three other members necessary to make a quorum, but they came not.

Committee on Light.

The Committee on Light held its regular monthly meeting last night and nearly all of the members were present, but the fund for the past year being exhausted not yet available, the committee had very little work to do. When the pay-roll for the past month was audited and ordered settled, the committee found nothing else to do, and adjourned.

Asher Says It Was Not Stolen.

Frank L. Asher, bartender for Connell & Miller, says that it has been inaccurately reported that James Anthony's roll of money was stolen in this bar-room some nights ago. Asher says that Anthony took out his roll and laid it on the bar, and that Connell took it and gave it back to Anthony yesterday at 1 o'clock.

CARNEGIE TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO SOLVE SERVANT PROBLEM

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 1.—"We hope by intelligent education and the proper treatment of domesticity in the minds of our students, to solve at least the servant girl problem," declared Miss Anna B. Smith to-day, in discussing the curriculum of New Carnegie Technical School for Women, of which she has been made the head. The course opens next Monday, and Miss Smith said its fundamental purpose is to make better wives, mothers and housewives out of American women.

Miss Smith said that the school was founded for the purpose of solving the servant problem, and that it was the only school of its kind in the United States.

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HUMPTY-DUMPTY DRAWS CROWD

Interest in the Great Musical and Spectacular Production Has

Not Abated.

PLAY OF THRILLS AT BIJOU

Miss Lottie Williams Making a Great Hit With the Gallery Gods.

From the moment that "Humpty-Dumpty" fell off the wall at the Academy of Music last Monday night until now there hasn't been a diminish in the town talk of the big spectacle and musical show. It has acted as a whirlwind, and carried popular favor along with a breeze. To begin to describe or even aver the many attractions under the one performance would be a job that the idle reporter would shun. Each performance has seen an increase in the attendance, and since Tuesday night the "sold out" sign has been used before the curtain went up.

Frank Moulin, the comedian, has become a favorite, and his fund is a yell after the slap-stick antics of the cheap combination comedians. The cast is ample in its entirety, and there isn't a member but what has art enough to make a pleasing account of the role. The big ballets, the Flying Grigoris and all of the other features are each more attractive at every performance.

Only three performances of the engagement remain, and they include a matinee to-morrow at 2:15 o'clock.

Ryan Has New Repertoire.

Dan Ryan comes to the Bijou next week with a new repertoire, consisting of "Forgiveness," the opening play; "Hamlet" and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Each play will be seen for two nights and a matinee. As usual, Mr. Ryan has extensive productions for each play.

Theatrical Bits.

The sale of seats begins this morning at the Academy for the engagements of Dockstader's minstrels and "The Prince of Pilsen."

The Academy of Music will have another full house next week with six of the biggest attractions of the season. They are: Monday, Dockstader's Minstrels; Tuesday, Jess Dandy, in "The Prince of Pilsen"; Wednesday, Adelaide Thurston, in a new play; Thursday, Marie Cahill, in "Molly Moonshine"; Friday, Mme. Mantell, in grand opera; and Saturday, Wilton Lackaye, in "The Pit." Taken as a whole, it is by far the best list of attractions ever seen at the Academy in a single week.

Commencing next Monday night, the curtain at the Academy will rise on all night performances at 8:15 o'clock. Patrons arriving late will be seated in the rear of the theatre until the end of the first act. This new rule will be strictly enforced.

MONY LENDER ASKS LEVY ON CASTELLANE EFFECTS

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 1.—An application was made to the civil tribunal of the Seine to-day, in behalf of a money lender, for permission to levy on the household goods in the Castellane mansion to satisfy a claim for money advanced to Count Boni. The lawyers of the Countess resisted the request on the ground that the goods are her separate property. The case finally was referred to a judge in chambers to determine whether a portion of the Count's belongings are in the mansion. The case is considered to be a test affecting numerous other creditors.

The bill will pass the Senate without amendment, I think. I expect to fight for it, and expect the support of all of the Democratic Senators and a large number of the Republicans.

TILLMAN SAYS RATE BILL WILL PASS AS IT IS

(By Associated Press.)

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 1.—Senator B. R. Tillman, in speaking of the railroad rate bill to-night, said: "The bill will probably pass, and the principal fight will be on the proposed amendments for court supervision of rates."

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Editor Ellis Drops Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., March 1.—J. H. Ellis, editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate, and well known among religious publishers of the South, dropped dead in his office here this afternoon from heart failure.

The police, the sheriff and the militia are on the alert for an outbreak.